

## OUR RICHMOND DAILY NEWS LETTER.

### Gossip Concerning the Legisla- ture and Constitutional Convention.

#### WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM.

The Proprietor of a Restaurant Mysteriously Disappears From His Place of Business—Fifteen Freight Cars, a Water Tank and Several Houses Wrecked—Sweeping Reform Suggested—Supreme Court Decisions—Mr. Edmund Randolph Williams and Miss Maud Lathrop Stokes Married.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Richmond, Va., Nov. 22.—The impression seems to be that the Constitutional Convention will give a considerable portion of its time to the question of popular elections. Many Democrats are heartily in favor of the election of all who are to serve the people by a direct vote of the people.

They claim that the Legislature, in many cases, has not chosen Senators, Judges and other officials in accordance with the wishes of a majority of the people whom they are to represent, and that it is imperatively necessary that the constitution should be revised in this respect.

**OPPOSED TO SUCH ACTION.**  
There are, of course, many who are opposed to such a radical change, and the chances are that there will be a warm discussion before the advocates of the measure carry their point, although the will of the people is likely to be obeyed in the long run.

#### A PROPRIETOR ABSENT.

The restaurant kept by a man named Kengler, on Broad street, to-day presented the appearance of being one of the most popular places in the city. It was crowded all day, but the visitors, each of whom carried slips of paper resembling bills, did not appear to be in a happy frame of mind.

The facts in the case are that Kengler is mysteriously absent somewhere, after having sold his restaurant business, and the name of his creditors seems to be legion. He had been running the business for thirteen months, which probably accounts for his disastrous finish.

#### CARS WRECKED.

Fifteen cars of a freight train were wrecked in the Orleans street yard of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon. No damage was done to human life.

The train was No. 258, in charge of Engineer John Alley and John O'Neill, fireman, and was running from twenty-eight and back to the Orleans street yard. When the train reached the neighborhood between Louisiana and Orleans streets it was thrown from the track, presumably by the spreading of the rails. The cars crashed into a \$30,000 water-tank and several small houses on the side of the tracks, completely demolishing them. The engineer, fireman and brakeman, by quick action, managed to save themselves.

Though the main line was not blocked, the wrecking crew, under charge of Superintendent C. C. Walker, was put to work at once clearing away the debris.

#### SWEEPING REFORM SUGGESTED.

Some people who are giving a great deal of thought to the work of the coming Constitutional Convention are of opinion that some sweeping reform will be inaugurated in the manner of assessing and collecting the taxes of the State.

It has been suggested that an effort will probably be made to take the election of commissioners of the revenue out of the hands of the people and make them appointive either by the Governor or a board constituted for that purpose. The great fight made in the last Legislature for the bill creating the office of commissioner of valuation is cited as an evidence of the feeling of unrest among the people of the State on the subject of taxation, and it looks like the Constitutional Convention will be called upon to deal with the matter in some form or other.

#### SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

To-day was opinion day in the Supreme Court of Appeals of the State, and the following decisions were rendered:

Judge James Keith, P.:

Virginia Development Company vs. Rich Patch Iron Company. Circuit Court of Alleghany county. Affirmed.

William H. Overholt vs. Old Dominion Manufacturing Company. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Reversed.

Hubble vs. Poff. Circuit Court of Smyth county. Reversed.

Kavanaugh's administrator vs. Kavanaugh. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Affirmed.

Judge R. H. Cardwell:

Scott vs. Moore. Chancery Court city of Richmond. Reversed.

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company vs. Sparrow's administrator. Circuit Court of Nelson county. Reversed.

Andes vs. Roller, guardian. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Reversed.

Judge John A. Buchanan:

Eastern Building and Loan Association vs. Snyder. Circuit Court of Alleghany county. Reversed.

Deverage's Committee vs. Ralston. Circuit Court of Highland county. Affirmed.

Virginia Hot Springs Company vs. Rucker's administrator. Circuit Court of Bath county. Affirmed.

Judge George M. Harrison:

Runkle vs. Runkle. Circuit Court of Augusta county. Affirmed.

Southern Railway Company vs. Mauzy. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Reversed.

Shoemaker vs. Bowman, receiver. Circuit Court of Rockingham county. Dismissed as improvidently awarded.

Divided Court:

Trustees of Randolph-Macon Academy vs. Town of Bedford City. Affirmed by divided court.

Steinman vs. Vickers. Circuit Court of Wise county. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond, \$250.

Pulliam vs. Tompkins. Circuit Court of Montgomery county. Appeal, etc. Bond, \$500, or \$1,000 if supersedeas.

Huntton, commissioner, et als., vs.

Wood et als. Circuit Court of Culpeper county. Appeal and supersedeas. Bond, \$200.

Wilkinson vs. Commonwealth. Petition to rehear. Petition refused.

Smith et als. vs. Miller et als. Petition to rehear. Petition refused.

Rahm vs. Klerner & Sons. Argued by James W. Gordon for appellees and Pickrell for appellant, and submitted.

City of Richmond vs. Leaker. Argued by H. R. Pollard for appellant and continued until to-morrow.

Bull vs. Engelking. Dismissed.

#### PERSONNEL OF CONVENTION.

The personnel of the coming Constitutional Convention is beginning to attract a great deal of attention among the State officers.

Adjutant General Nalle says Mr. John S. Barbour seems to be the choice of the people of Culpeper, and will most likely be chosen for the honor.

Judge John H. Dew has been solicited by his people to be a candidate, but has declined to entertain the proposition for a moment, and says he thinks Hon. Claggett B. Jones will be returned from King and Queen.

Librarian W. W. Scott will stand for the honor from Orange, while Secretary Lawless is being urged to accept the nomination from Portsmouth. He has not yet given any intimation of his intentions on the subject.

It may be safely stated that the names of some of the State officers will appear on the rolls of the convention.

#### TEACHERS' LEAGUE.

The Teachers' League of Accomac county will hold their last fall meeting at Chincoteague Island on Thursday and Friday, November 29th and 30th.

Dr. Southall, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has been cordially invited to be present, but finds that on account of a previous engagement he will be unable to do so. Captain Frank P. Brent will probably go over upon a very cordial invitation, which has also been extended to him.

#### SUSAN B. ANTHONY.

Superintendent Southall is in receipt of a letter from Miss Susan B. Anthony, who is not only at the head of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, but who is an authoress of renown, stating that she is going to write a history on the general progress of women for the past twenty years, and asking if there is any discrimination between the privileges of the boys and girls in the high schools and other free schools of Virginia.

Captain Brent has answered that if there is any discrimination it is in favor of the girls, women doing five-eighths of the teaching in the public schools of the State.

He also wrote that there was a strong sentiment in the State in favor of the higher education of women, and that in a few years their advantages in this line would be equal to those of men.

Captain Brent added that the School Board has recently recognized the woman as the head of the family, and that this decision had been affirmed by the United States District Court, sitting at Richmond.

The Board of Education will have a meeting some time shortly to elect a school superintendent for the county of Highland, vice Mr. B. H. Hansel, deceased.

#### MR. WILLIAMS WEDS.

Mr. Edmund Randolph Williams, son of Mr. John L. Williams and brother of President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, and of Mr. R. Lancaster Williams, of the Norfolk Street Railway system, was married at 8:30 o'clock this evening to Miss Maud Lathrop Stokes, daughter of Mr. Charles Pickett Stokes, of this city.

The ceremony was performed at St. Paul's Church, which was beautifully decorated.

The bride, who entered on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Thomas D. Stokes, was attired in a gown of ivory satin, Duchess trimmed with old point lace. Her veil was caught with a diamond crest, and she carried a bouquet of orchids and lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor was her sister, Miss Allene Young Stokes, who wore a gown of pink tulle, and carried Madame Trestant roses.

The bridesmaids were Misses Eleanor Boshier, Julia Harris, Margaret Branch, Elizabeth Cameron, Florence Talbott, Maria Williams, Elsie McVitty, of Philadelphia; Mary Blackford, of Washington; Anne Jackson, of Baltimore; and Margaret Pickett Stokes of Virginia.

They wore beautiful gowns of white lace over Duchess satin, and carried pink chrysanthemums.

The best man was Dr. Ennon G. Williams, brother of the groom, and the ushers were Messrs. Alexander W. Weddell, Jonathan Bryan, Berkeley Nolting, Lewis C. Williams, Paul Pettit, Christopher Randolph, George Gibson and Dr. Robert F. Williams.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Kinsolving, of Brooklyn.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother after the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left for their bridal tour in a private car, going to Virginia Hot Springs.

Among the guests at the wedding were Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Kinsolving, Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shoemaker, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Fielding, Lewis Marshall and Miss Marshall, of Washington; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Blackford and Mr. and Mrs. William S. Blackford, of Baltimore; Mr. C. Otey Watkins, New York; Mr. T. B. Watkins, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mittendorf, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Whitridge, Philadelphia; Mr. Frank Gupitli, Boston; Mr. George D. Robinson, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heald, Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bolling, Miss Josephine Cooke, of Norfolk.

#### HAMPTON.

MONROE LEWIS, COLORED, SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Hampton, Va., Nov. 22.—In the County Court yesterday Judge Lee pronounced sentence of death upon Monroe Lewis, the colored saloon-keeper, convicted of murdering Albert Pretlow in his saloon last June.

Friday, January 4, 1901, was named as the day for the execution, but upon motion of Mr. Fay S. Collier, the prisoner's counsel, a stay of execution for seventy days was granted by the court, and the case was to be heard at the higher courts, in the hope of obtaining a new trial. The bills of exception will be sent to Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of the Circuit Court, for a writ of error and supersedeas, and in the event that the prayer is refused Mr. Collier will then begin preparation for carrying the case to the Court of Appeals when that body convenes in Richmond next January.

**A MAN OF HIS WORD.**  
Physician—Why don't you settle that account I have against you? You said when I was treating you that you could never repay me for my efforts.

Mr. Broke—I meant it, doctor.—Baltimore American.

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## SUFFOLK.

### William Wright Found Mangled By Seaboard Air Line Track.

A Supposed Murderer in Custody at Newport News—Death of Joshua Whedbee, of Gates County, N. C.—Funeral of Hon. J. E. Booker.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Nov. 22.—Lying in a pool of blood that had grown thick and cold, his head crushed, his hands clenched on fresh earth and nothing in his pockets but peanuts, a colored man, later identified as William Wright, was this morning found lying beside Seaboard Air Line tracks four miles east of Suffolk. Captain Swett, a section boss, had the man brought to Suffolk, where he was attended by Dr. W. W. Murray, the road's surgeon, assisted by Dr. Frank W. Whitehead.

Wright had likely been struck by a train during the night, an eastbound train it is thought from the position of the hat.

**TREPHINE COULDN'T SAVE.**  
The surgeons removed eleven pieces of skull, some of them as large as a silver dollar, and rendered other attention. The relief of pressure from the brain prolonged life until about 6 o'clock this evening. They did not expect to save his life. He was unconscious when found.

Wright's father, Simon, died a few weeks ago. He leaves a brother, who lives at Pleasant Hill. The victim is said to have had fits.

**SUSPECTED OF MURDER.**  
John Sears, suspected of murder and burglary, is supposed to be under arrest at Newport News. Hurricane Branch said he and Mr. Williams, of Winton, N. C., who is acquainted with Sears, would have to-night for Newport News to identify the man.

The prisoner seems to correspond with the photograph bearing one exception. The large teeth or tusks do not protrude as they show in the likeness, but these may have been drawn since he was a fugitive.

Sears is regarded as a very desperate and shrewd man—one for whom there are several rewards and who has been frequently sought by detectives and bloodhounds, always in vain.

Sears is charged with attacking and robbing a colored couple near Winton, N. C. The man was killed outright and the woman will be a cripple for life as a result of her injuries. Sears has done many robberies since the murder.

**DIED, AGED EIGHTY.**  
Joshua Whedbee, a well-known citizen of Gates county, N. C., died suddenly to-day in Perquimans county, near the town of Hertford. He was attacked with paralysis or heart trouble and expired suddenly, aged 80 years. Mr. Whedbee was visiting the family of

his daughter, Mrs. John David Parker. The burial will take place to-morrow near Gatesville, N. C.

The deceased leaves two daughters and three sons—Mrs. J. D. Parker, Perquimans county, N. C.; Mrs. James Parker, Gates county, N. C.; L. H. and R. H. Whedbee, Suffolk; Joshua Whedbee, Gates county. He was an uncle of Mrs. Junius T. Parker and L. O. Hill, of Suffolk.

**THE FINAL RITES.**  
A large concourse of people went to the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock to-day to attend the final obsequies over the remains of the late John Edward Booker. The services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Bagby, of Richmond, a former pastor of the deceased.

Solos were sung by Mrs. Brinkley and Mr. Little. The floral designs were profuse, among the most notable being those from Herald employees, labeled "Our Chief," from the Baptist Sunday school, of which Mr. Booker was superintendent, and from the Ancient Order United Workmen.

Ministers who assisted with the services were Revs. W. W. Staley, D. D., Joseph B. Dunn, H. H. Butler, John Stanley Thomas and L. R. Christie.

The burial was conducted with Masonic honors at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Representatives from the Royal Arcanum assisted, too. These were pallbearers:

Active—Dr. H. W. Campbell, C. A. Shoop, W. L. McLeod, R. L. Woodard, L. T. Dobie, T. W. Artman, J. U. Burges, W. W. Ballard.

Honorary—Colonel T. W. Smith, H. E. Smith, J. M. Shepherd, R. R. Fretts, W. J. Kirby, A. H. Baker, B. L. Saunders, A. W. Eley, E. E. Holland, W. H. Jones, Jr., D. P. Daughtrey and W. A. Allmond.

There were present quite a number of Mr. Booker's friends from a distance and from nearby points in Nansemond county.

**"SPIDER AND FLY."**  
Mr. Leavitt did not mislead the public when he advertised a galaxy of girls as accessories, and more, to "The Spider and Fly" show. There were enough to start a boarding school, and some of them pretty. Then the costumes were bright and new, and the performance as a whole was better to the eyes than the ears, though two of the young women had very good voices.

There is really a very thick strain of vaudeville permeating a disconnected plot of which one could only occasionally catch a glimpse, and that was the strongest part of the bill. The Morrisey sisters got several recalls, and Bush and Gordon did an acrobatic comedy turn that was passing clever.

**MARRIED NEAR HOBGOOD.**  
Miss Deborah Burnette, daughter of the late Thomas Burnette, was married yesterday at her home, near Hobgood, N. C., to Mr. W. V. Savage, of Scotland Neck, N. C., by Rev. M. P. Lawrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Savage arrived in Suffolk last night to visit Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Allsbrook, at No. 74 Kilby street, and will later visit Norfolk. Mrs. Savage is Mrs. Allsbrook's sister.

**PERSONAL.**  
Mr. and Mrs. I. O. Hill have returned from Baltimore.

Miss Etta Moore has come home from a several weeks' stay in the North.

Mr. C. H. Sebrill, of Courtland, was in Suffolk to-day.

Oyster Inspector Williamson returned to-day from Richmond, where he attended a meeting of the State Board of Fisheries.

**CHANGE FOR A PENNY.**  
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## PETERSBURG.

LIGHT PEANUT CROP—A MARRIAGE—OTHER ITEMS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 22.—It was said by a gentleman from Dinwiddie that the farmers of that county had gotten through with the digging of their Spanish peanuts and were now having them threshed, and that there would not be more than one-half a crop to the county.

**SERMON TO VETERANS.**  
The fourth quarterly service of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans will be held on next Sunday night at St. John's Episcopal Church. A special sermon will be delivered before the camp by the rector, Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin.

**NEW PASSENGER DEPOT.**  
The new passenger depot of the Seaboard Air Line railway, on Market street, is fast approaching completion. When finished it will be a very handsome and attractive building.

**THE CENTRAL STATE HOSPITAL.**  
The new addition to the Central State Hospital, in Dinwiddie county, is expected to be ready for occupancy by the last of next month. It is 135 feet in length and in the rear of the east wing of the main building, with which it is connected by a porch. It will have twenty cells and a number of dormitories. The cost of the structure will be about \$22,000.

**DAY OF THANKSGIVING.**  
Next Sunday will be observed by the Junior Order United American Mechanics of Petersburg as a day of thanksgiving, and the different councils of this city have arranged for services at the Second Baptist Church at night, when a special sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. D. Harte.

**PRESENT TO A CHURCH.**  
The congregation of the Old Street Presbyterian Church have been presented by some kind friends with a handsome organ.

**MRS. MULLEN'S CONDITION.**  
The condition of Mrs. Mullen, wife of Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Corporation Court of Petersburg, who was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning, is somewhat improved.

Miss Mary Menatree, who has been quite sick, is improving. Miss Menatree has numerous relatives in Norfolk.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.**  
Mr. John Mann, one of the oldest members of the Petersburg Bar, celebrated his birthday to-day, when he was presented by some of the lawyers of the city with a handsome silver chafing dish as a testimonial of their high regard and esteem.

The parsonage of Wesley M. E. Church, on Halifax street, was sold at public auction this afternoon, and purchased by Mr. George Cabaniss for \$877.

**MILITARY GARMENT CUTTER.**  
Through the recommendation of Congressman F. R. Lassiter, of the Fourth District of Virginia, Mr. W. M. McEwen, formerly a prominent merchant tailor of this city, now of Philadelphia, expects to get the appointment of military cutter in the United States arsenal at Philadelphia about the first of the coming year.

**A MARRIAGE.**  
The Episcopal Church at Dinwiddie County Court House was the scene to-day of a most brilliant marriage. The contracting parties were Miss Annie Moss and Mr. William Rogers, Mr. Obie Rogers, brother of the groom, was best man, and Miss Eva Cook, of Petersburg, maid of honor. The ushers

were Messrs. Joe Moss, of Petersburg, brother of the bride, Maurice Livenay, of Dinwiddie county; Joe Sharp, of Wakefield, Sussex county, and R. H. Bain, of Dinwiddie county. The bride is a most popular and attractive young lady of Dinwiddie county, and the groom is a prominent young citizen of Wakefield. The couple left for New York on a bridal tour.

The receipts from the Elks' bazaar for the past three nights have amounted to about \$500. The bazaar is being largely attended.

**DREWEYVILLE.**  
MISS GILLIAM MARRIED TO DR. DREWEY.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)  
Dreweyville, Va., Nov. 22.—On Wednesday, November 21, at Peet's Church, before a large crowd of friends and relatives, Dr. F. D. Drewey, of Virginia, Va., and Miss Rose A. Gilliam, of near this place, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants, ferns, &c. Mr. F. E. Fry, of Virginia, acted as best man, while Miss Charlotte T. Gilliam, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. The following attendants marched in to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March and formed a half circle to the back of the happy couple while they were making their solemn vows: Rich. Gilliam with Miss Lola Drewey, F. P. Frazier, of Virginia, with Miss Nannie Drewey, Dr. C. L. Devony, of Lawrenceville, with Miss Sarah Sykes, T. W. Norris, of Franklin, with Miss Lillian Myrick, of Norfolk, T. W. Applewhite, with Miss Annie Person, W. T. Harris, of Virginia, with Miss Emma Person, J. D. Fry, South Boston, with Miss Hattie Drewey, H. Mason with Miss Gertie Person, Eddie Person with Miss Fannie Ellis.

The happy couple are the descendants of two of our most prosperous and influential neighbors. They left on the west-bound Southern train for Virginia, Va., where they will make their future home. The presents were quite numerous and beautiful.

**CHARLES CITY COUNTY.**  
CONFEDERATE MONUMENT UNVEILED—A GREAT CROWD.

Charles City C. H., Va. Nov. 22.—The granite monument to the memory of the Confederate soldiers of Charles City County was unveiled yesterday in the presence of about 3,000 people, the largest gathering ever witnessed here. One of the interesting features of the day was the rousing cheers given by the crowd when "Maryland, My Maryland" was sung by a chorus of little girls. The monument, which is a shaft twenty-one feet high, of Chesterfield granite, was paid for in part by an appropriation by the county.

The speakers were Gov. Tyler, Congressman Lamb, County Judge Isaac Christian, ex-Judge George L. Christian, of this city; United States Judge Edmund Waddill, and ex-Congressman Gardiner Tyler. Gov. Tyler opened his address by stating that the first man he met upon arriving was Mr. Mike Walker, the last man with whom he shook hands after the battle of Gettysburg. It was their first meeting since the surrender at Appomattox Court House.

The veil was drawn from the monument by little Miss Susie Harwood, grand-daughter of a Confederate veteran.

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